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               v.
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    ALBERTO VILAR,
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     GARY TANAKA
                                           SUPPRESSION HEARING
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                   Defendants.
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- 1 couldn't instruct him to tell his employees what to do or what
- 2 not to do. But that at this point the government would prefer
- 3 if they did not have contact with Mr. Vilar.
- 4 And I should back up, because I recall one other part
- 5 of our first conversation that I distinctly recall. And that
- is, Mr. Licker indicating to me that he wanted to be
- 7 cooperative with the government; and he also in that first
- 8 call, after saying that, he mentioned to me that in other
- 9 cases, he had sometimes put into place a procedure to prevent
- 10 documents from being destroyed, and things of that nature. And
- 11 he asked me -- or sort of a document retention policy. And
- 12 asked whether the government would like him to do so in this
- 13 case. And I told him that I thought that would be a good idea.
- 14 Q. What, if any, other subjects do you recall discussing with
- 15 Mr. Licker during one of those two morning calls?
- 16 A. During one of those two morning calls, Mr. Licker asked me
- 17 whether the government intended to serve Amerindo with a grand
- 18 jury subpoena.
- 19 Q. How did you respond to Mr. Licker's question about whether
- 20 the government intended to serve Amerindo with the grand jury
- 21 subpoena?
- 22 A. I responded that I didn't know, and that I'd have to get
- 23 back to him.
- 24 Q. Who first raised the issue of a grand jury subpoena?
- 25 A. Mr. Licker.

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- 1 Q. At that point of that conversation, had a grand jury
- 2 subpoena been issued?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Before that phone call with Mr. Licker, had you discussed
- 5 the possibility of issuing a grand jury subpoena with anyone?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Prior to the phone call of Mr. Licker, had you considered
- 8 issuing a grand jury subpoena to Amerindo?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. After that phone call with Mr. Licker, who, if anyone, did
- 11 you consult with about whether to issue a grand jury subpoena?
- 12 A. I consulted with the supervisor in the securities and
- 13 commodities fraud unit.
- 14 Q. And who was that?
- 15 A. David Esseks, E-s-s-e-k-s.
- 16 Q. What, if anything, did you discuss with Mr. Esseks about
- 17 the subject of a grand jury subpoena?
- 18 A. I told Mr. Esseks the substance of the phone call with
- 19 Mr. Licker; that Mr. Licker had raised that question. And I
- asked him whether he thought that was a good idea or not.
- 21 Q. When you say "a good idea," what was a good idea?
- 22 A. To issue a grand jury subpoena.
- Q. And what was his response with respect to your question
- 24 about whether it was a good idea to issue a grand jury
- 25 subpoena?

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- 1 A. I tried to communicate the substance of it, a summary of
- what I just said: That Mr. Licker said everyone was tired and
- 3 wanted to go home, and there was a lot of work left to be done;
- 4 and his offer to complete the process through the grand jury
- 5 subpoena rather than through the search.
- 6 And there's one other thing that I recall that he said
- 7 to me, which was that it would be more efficient -- was another
- 8 thing that he said to me, that it would be more efficient and
- 9 we wouldn't -- and less disruptive to Amerindo's business to
- 10 proceed in that way. And that if we proceeded by government
- 11 subpoena, the government would get what it really wanted I
- 12 believe is the phrase that he used, instead of having to take
- 13 so much material.
- 14 Q. Do you recall the postal inspector's response?
- 15 A. Not specifically, no.
- 16 Q. What, if anything, did you communicate with Mr. Licker
- 17 about whether you agreed to his suggestion?
- 18 A. I don't recall whether I spoke to Mr. Licker again that
- 19 day.
- 20 Q. And what, if any, instructions do you recall giving the
- 21 postal inspectors about terminating the search?
- 22 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Do you know if the postal inspectors terminated the search
- 24 nearly after the conversation you had with Mr. Licker about
- terminating the search in lieu of the grand jury subpoena?

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